countries have quantified commitment for reducing emissions of Greenhouse Gasses. Developing countries including India have no such obligation of reducing emissions of greenhouse gases. Neverthless, the Government of India is conscious of various concerns that arise due to climate change. The existing legislative and policy framework in various sectors of concern, together with wide ranging reforms contribute to addressing the climate change issues. The wide ranging reforms aimed at promoting accelerated economic growth on the one hand in the past decade in the country and addressing climate change concern include energy efficiency, energy conservation, power sector reforms and ictive renewable energy programme, fuel switching to cleaner energy, afforestation and conservation of forests, steps to encourage efficient utilization of coal, reduction of gas flaring and installation of waste heat recovery systems in the oil sector, standardization of fuel-efficient irrigation pump sets, rectification of existing pump-sets to make them more energy efficient, retionalization of power tariffs and better cultivar practices in the agricultural sector etc.

Production of sugarcane

†*199. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of sugarcane is estimated to be more in 2005-06 as compared to 2004-05;

(b) if so, the quantum thereof and whether the production of sugar would also increase thereby; and

(c) if so, the estimates thereof and the average expected price of sugar in the country during 2005-06 as against 2004-05?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) and (b) As per the 2nd advance estimates of production for the current year, the production of sugarcane in 2005-06 is estimated at 266.88

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million tonnes which is 34.56 million tonnes more than the production in 2004-05. The estimated sugar production in the current sugar season is 181.67 lakh tonnes as against 130.00 lakh tonnes in 2004-05 sugar season.

(c) During the year 2005-06 (upto February, 2006) the wholesale price of non-levy sugar in the four metropolitan cities ranged between Rs. 1710 to Rs. 2090 per quintal as against Rs. 1560 to Rs. 2050 per quintal during 2004-05.

Infrastructure status to FPI Sector

*200. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to confer the status of infrastructure category for food processing and agri business sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Several suggestions have been made for the promotion of food processing and agri-business sector to realize Vision-2015. Conferring the status of infrastructure on food processing and agri business sector, is one of such suggestions.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Organic manures

†1174. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the use of excessive quantity of chemical fertilizers and plant protective chemicals for more production from the advanced varieties

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